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## MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: The General Mark Clark Task Force

1. The morning of 10 January 1955 was spent in surveying the Medical Office. Colonel Lane chose not to attend, and only Colonel Miller and Mr. McGruder were present.
2. Dr. Tietjen made the presentation, after which a brief tour was made through the medical and psychiatric facilities in Central Building, during which the Task Force Staff was introduced to the senior staff members of the Medical Office.
3. The Task Force appeared to be both satisfied and impressed with the scope and adequacy of our medical program. The psychiatric program was clearly their area of major interest. Numerous questions were asked, including:
  - a. What is the purpose of the psychiatric program - to test intelligence level or to measure deviation from normal mental stability?
  - b. What does the program cost?
  - c. Can you measure and prove its value?
  - d. Are our psychiatric standards impeding recruitment?
4. Dr. Tietjen answered these questions most thoughtfully, and, I believe, effectively. He stressed the security hazards and expense of employing persons with hidden or unevaluated psychiatric conditions. Further, that our standards were minimal to specific conditions of intended use of the individual and that practical judgment was applied.
5. There is no doubt that both Colonel Miller and Mr. McGruder were impressed, as both spoke very favorably of Dr. Tietjen's presentation during lunch, at which time they discussed the difficulty of holding good medical men in Government service.
6. In the afternoon the survey of the Logistics Office was commenced. Again, Colonel Lane did not appear. Mr. Garrison gave an excellent over-all briefing. Subsequently, we were briefed by the Chief of the Security Staff. No significant questions were asked and no particular attitudes on the part of the Task Force Staff were apparent.

7. After the briefing I contacted Colonel Lane and inquired whether he was going to join us tomorrow. He replied that he had decided that it would not be worth his time to sit through the Deputy Director (Administration) briefing and that he had decided to spend the time in DD/P Admin. I urged him to at least attend the Comptroller briefing and, in particular, to visit the Finance Division because it performs such a significant service to DD/P operations. His reply was that he thought he could get an adequate briefing on this from the DD/P side.

8. There is no indication as to why Colonel Lane has made this sudden decision not to attend the DD/A portion of the survey. It seems most unfortunate, since some of the more complex covert aspects of the support functions of the Deputy Director (Administration) cannot now be explained.

9. Away from the briefings Colonel Miller made one possibly significant comment during the day while speculating aloud to himself. He stated that he really didn't think that CIA was actually collecting any clandestine intelligence but was merely collecting paper mill overt information from clandestine collectors. He added that he would like to know statistically the quantities of information furnished by each source which provided the bases for the intelligence disseminations and estimates of CIA. I merely ventured the suggestion that quantity was probably not a fair measurement and that confirmation from a properly placed covert source of an overt piece of information could be of the greatest value.

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